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1. Dr. Lothar Meichsner, who is reported to be a German nuclear scientist of considerable ability, is expected to arrive in Argentina in the near future to work on atomic research for the Argentine government.

2. From the end of World War II until 1947 Meichsner reportedly worked for the Soviets at the Sietel Fluzzenwerke at Halle in the Soviet zone of Germany. In 1947 he "escaped" from the Russians and went to England where he sought employment as a physicist. For reasons not known to

25X1X [REDACTED] Meichsner failed to receive employment [REDACTED] He 25X6 was sent instead to Hammansborn in the British zone of Germany which, source claims, is a camp where German scientists are kept until their professional and political backgrounds have been investigated. [REDACTED] 25X1X believes Meichsner must have been rejected by the [REDACTED] since he is 25X6 25X1X now on his way to Argentina. Since he is a very able scientist, [REDACTED] presumed that he must have been unacceptable to the [REDACTED] for political 25X6 reasons. Source has suggested the possibility that Meichsner's alleged escape from the Russians may have been a ruse.

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